



Ascension

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Chairperson Amy L. McKenzie, MD
Certificate of Need Commission
c/o Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Certificate of Need Policy Section
South Grand Building, 4th Floor
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Via E-Mail: MDHHS-ConWebTeam@michigan.gov

Dear Chairperson McKenzie,

On behalf of Ascension Michigan please accept this correspondence as written testimony regarding Ascension Michigan's recommendations on CON Review Standards for Hospital Beds.

Ascension Michigan supports the continued regulation of Hospital Beds and commends the work completed on these standards by the Hospital Bed Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) in the past year. We are appreciative that the CON Commission took thorough review of the charge of the subgroup which determined that patients who are observation status should be excluded from the patient count of licensed bed days in the CON Annual Survey. We agree with both the Hospital Bed SAC and the ultimate decision by the CON commission to unanimously accept the recommendation of the Hospital Bed SAC.

We have no further recommended changes for Hospital Bed standards at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on the CON Review Standards Hospital Beds. We look forward to working with the Commission this and the coming year.

Sincerely,

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